

## TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

## GENERAL DOMESTIC.

The work of demolition of the buildings, streets and bridges in the Exposition will be undertaken this week by the company which wrecked the Chicago, Omaha and Paris exhibitions.

A scarcity of milk throughout the section of New York surrounding Middletown threatens to develop into a famine of that article. Farmers declare that high prices for food have made dairying business unprofitable.

Alison J. Streeter, formerly prominently identified with politics in Illinois, died Sunday evening at his home in Galesburg. He was once a candidate for the presidency. Philadelphia, Penn., Nov. 24.—"Jack the Hunter," who takes women on the streets, embraces and kisses them, but refuses to marry them and shows that he is deeply pained when mistaken for a robber.

David R. Calhoun of St. Louis will marry Miss Marie Whitmore of New York City at the bride's home this evening.

Mar. Thomas J. Conaty, rector of the Catholic University of America, was yesterday consecrated Bishop of Simos, prominent clergyman participated.

Former President Grover Cleveland, who has been very ill, suffering from a severe cold, is pronounced by his physician and on the road to complete recovery.

The floral carnival just closed at Kansas City has been pronounced a success. Florists from ten States competed for prizes and fifty-five thousand persons attended the exhibition.

A mining community in Western Pennsylvania has given from their midst an old woman who they are positive is a witch. They declare she caused all kinds of household accidents and aggressions, made husbands quarrelsome, children unmanageable and cows fail to give milk.

Mrs. Minnie Madden Fiske will bring out her new play, "The Unwelcome Mrs. Hatch," at the Manhattan Theater this week.

The sustained strength of the stock market during the last week, in the face of conditions calculated to bring about falling prices, proves the extent of the ramifications of recent manipulation. Further enhancement of values all along the line may be expected before the final readjustment of prices which is regarded as inevitable.

The bodies of a man and a woman, recovered from white damp in a coal mine near Bluefield, W. Va., were recovered by a party of rescuers.

Fifty sons of wealthy Englishmen are coming from Great Britain to Kansas where they will be placed with farmers in order that they may learn modern farming as it is carried on in this country.

Elaborate plans have been made for the approaching convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies of the United States, which will open in Cincinnati December 30. Catholics regard it as a history-making event for the church in this country.

The opinion prevails among those who have followed the progress of the trial of Mrs. Bonine in Washington that the Government has so far failed to prove its theory that the shot which killed James Seymour Ayres was fired from the fire escape of the Kemmons house.

During a quarrel, Councilman J. P. Ward of Highland, Kas., crushed the skull of J. E. Springer, striking him with a club after Springer had shot him twice. Ward is seriously injured and Springer fatally injured.

The submarine boat Fulton has returned to the surface after remaining under water fifteen hours. The crew experienced no hardship from the experiment. The craft's staying qualities have been successfully demonstrated.

## LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Miss Minnie Winkelman, a popular telephone operator of Belleville, will wed Hugh M. Dittie of the Southern Railroad November 26.

The funeral of Mrs. M. C. Fout was conducted by the Reverend Messrs. Johnston and Armstrong.

Chairman Spencer, returned from the East says he found sentiment there strongly in favor of the World's Fair.

W. H. Holliday, a harness manufacturer, with his employees, will pass through St. Louis en route to Troy, O., to inspect factory there.

St. Louis barbers will petition the Missouri Legislature to extend "examination" laws.

Joseph Gutwiler is charged with using a revolver and threatening assault on a tailor who hesitated to surrender his pants.

Silk Stocking Republicans have "dark-horse" candidates for Appraiser Smith's berth.

Colonel Melville Sawyer dies in New Hampshire sanitarium.

Mrs. Marie Kolkmann, a widow, 65 years old, will be married Wednesday in St. Joseph's church to G. E. Schloemer, a widower, 69 years old.

Mrs. Emma Weber was burned to death at her home, No. 1420 South Compton avenue, after she had saved her 2-year-old son from a similar fate.

Police and Italians clash at No. 715 Washington street.

The work of preparing for the annual Hospital Saturday and Sunday Association collection, November 26 and December 1, has been completed, and a generous response is anticipated.

## WASHINGTON.

The Taft Commission in its report to Congress recommends the repeal of the law prohibiting the sale or lease of the public lands or the timber thereon or the mining rights therein and asks that the mining be given in the matter of granting franchises.

The President and family returned yesterday from a yachting trip down the Potomac. The weather was too bad to permit of hunting, but the President was greatly rested and refreshed by the trip.

Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, in his annual report, gives prominence to the Indian question, reviewing the work of the Dawes Commission, and making a tacit admission that he does not regard the Indian Territory as ready for statehood.

Senator Hale of Maine, chairman of the Senate Naval Committee, predicts that Congress will authorize a substantial increase of the navy and of the commissioned and enlisted forces. He says the naval estimate for the next year is one hundred millions greater than ever before.

Congressman James J. Butler of St. Louis is confident that he will be seated. He favors a reduction of tariff on hides for the benefit of St. Louis shoe manufacturers.

## SPORTING.

William Corryell, left half back for the Omaha High School, was probably fatally injured in a recent football game.

The Jefferson Club football team defeated the C. R. C. association eleven by a score of 4 to 2.

## FOREIGN.

San Juan Hill will be converted into a park by the United States.

Miss Helen Vanderbilt, a Wackerman, whose mind gave away as a result of being a victim of calumny, has been pronounced hopelessly insane. The meeting between this beautiful American girl and her mother, in a London infirmary, is described as very pathetic.

A company of American soldiers captured a Bulgarian fort and a display of great daring. The insurgents sustained great loss in the encounter.

It is believed that the steamer Alerte, carrying 200 passengers and some American soldiers, has been lost in the Atlantic. One of the finest ships in Paris has been purchased by Americans, who will erect an up-to-date building upon it.

As a result of the demonstration against the proposed translation of the temples into modern Greek the Ottoman Cabinet has resigned.

## Marine Intelligence.

New York, Nov. 24.—Arrived: Steamers Campania, Liverpool and Queenstown; Karmania, Marcellus, Lehigh and Naples; La Champagne, Havre, Rydam, Rotterdam and Boulogne.

Liverpool, Nov. 24.—The Cunard liner Umbria, Captain Dutton, did not sail for New York until 9:50 p. m., having been detained by fog.

Antwerp, Nov. 23.—Arrived: Southwark, New York.

Gibraltar, Nov. 24.—Sailed: Alier (from Genoa and Naples), New York.

## PROPOSED RAILROAD TO SOUTH AMERICA.

Former Senator Davis Unfolds His Plan for a Great Intercontinental System.

WILL COST \$200,000,000.

Linking of North and South America by Rail Would Contribute to Their Mutual Development and Prosperity.

Mexico City, Nov. 24.—The report of ex-Senator Henry G. Davis to the Pan-American Railway Committee of the International American conference will be submitted to a session of the conference on Wednesday next. Mr. Davis suggested that a subcommittee be appointed to study his report, but his colleagues would not hear of anything of the sort and adopted his report unanimously.

To South America via Europe.

In dwelling on the expediency of constructing an international railroad, Mr. Davis mentions the fact that some of the South American delegates, in order to reach Mexico for the present Pan-American conference had to make the journey via Europe or New York. A letter mailed in the United States for some South American Republics goes first to Europe and thence to its destination.

Mr. Davis estimates the mileage of the intercontinental railroad to be constructed at 5,000 in order to link existing systems, and calculates the cost at \$200,000,000, or at the rate of \$40,000 per mile.

Recommendations for Road.

The report formulates with the following recommendations:

First.—That a railroad connecting all or the greater part of the nations represented in the conference will contribute powerfully to the development of the material relations and interests of the said nations.

Second.—That the said railroad ought, as far as common interests permit, to connect the principal cities situated along its route.

Third.—That if the direction of the railroad cannot be changed for the object stated in the foregoing article without great inconvenience branches should be built to connect the chief cities with the main line.

Fourth.—That in order to lessen the cost of the work, existing railroads be utilized as far as possible, and as far as compatible with the location and purposes of the intercontinental railroad.

Fifth.—That all the material necessary for the construction and operation of the railroad be declared free from import duties, while taking suitable measures to prevent abuses.

Sixth.—That property, real and movable, of the railroad employed in construction and operation of the road be exempted from all national, provincial, State and municipal taxation.

Seventh.—That the realization of a work of such magnitude deserves to be encouraged by means of subsidies, land grants or guarantees of minimum rate of interest.

Railroad to be Neutral.

Eighth.—That the railroad be declared forever neutral in order to assure freedom of traffic.

Ninth.—That the delegates to the conference favor granting liberal concessions to the enterprise in such form as may appear most suitable to each Government.

The suggestion is also made that the United States send a competent person to all of the Republics of America to study the resources of the several countries, the location of the existing railroads, the present conditions, prospective traffic for the intercontinental railroad when built and what concessions each Government would be disposed to grant.

## FOUR FOOTPADS ROB A MUSIC TEACHER.

Charles L. Smith Relieved of Money, Watch and Violin Mute—Highwaymen Escape.

Four highwaymen near the corner of Duncan and Vandeventer avenues, last night, held up and robbed Charles L. Smith, a music teacher, living at No. 373 Manchester avenue. The highwaymen took from their victim \$2, a gold watch valued at \$25, a pearl-handled pocket-knife and a violin mute.

Mr. Smith was on his way home about 9 o'clock and was walking east on Duncan avenue. A few feet from the corner of Vandeventer avenue, a group of young men were standing and were engaged in conversation. As Mr. Smith passed one of the men turned around and grabbed him by the throat, at the same time thrusting a revolver in his face.

"Throw up your hands and don't say a word," said the highwayman, with the revolver.

Smith threw up his hands and the other three men began rifling his pockets. One of the robbers snatched the watch from his vest pocket, another took his purse, and the third man went through his coat pockets.

After Smith had been relieved of all his valuables the three men turned and ran down the street. The robber with the violin mute kept the weapon leveled at Smith's head until his accomplices were half way down the block. With the threat that he would be shot if he uttered an outcry, the robber with the violin mute kept him from uttering a word.

Smith went to the Eighth District Station and reported the holding. He gave the police a description of his assailants. Smith says the men were young and all wore slouch hats, which were pulled over their eyes.

DID NOT ELECT OFFICERS.

Report of Dissension in Cactus Society is Denied.

About fifteen members of the Cactus Society, whose members are devoted to the study of floriculture, met yesterday afternoon at No. 119 South Fourth street. The announced purpose of the meeting was election of a new president, in consequence of what was said to be a disagreement between members as to the resuming of public credit for the work.

The meeting lasted for about two hours, after which Doctor A. A. Kleinschmidt stated that there had been no disagreement, no election of officers, no dissolution, no reorganization, but no election of officers until July.

There is a through Excursion Sleeping Car to Los Angeles and San Francisco every Tuesday night via the M. & T. R. Y.

NEGRESS AGED 117 IS MISSING.

Police Are Requested to Locate Ann Dorsey.

The police of the Fourth District were requested yesterday to locate Ann Dorsey, a negress, reputed to be 117 years old.

She wandered from the home of her granddaughter, Lavinia Towles, of No. 130 Morgan street, Saturday.

What you pay for extracts is important, but what you get is more important. Burnett's Vanilla costs more because worth more.

## DIVERGENT VIEWS OF SMOKE'S EFFECT ON THE VOCAL ORGANS.

THINKS SOFT COAL SMOKE A BALSAM.

Train Caller Ben Brown, Veteran Minstrel, Declares It Strengthens the Vocal Organs.

That the smoke of soft coal strengthens the vocal organs, acting upon them like a kind of balsam, is maintained by Train caller Ben Brown at Union Station, whose sonorous, deep-chested voice is said to be the most powerful in the West.

Brown thinks that Tenor Ferdinand Avedano, who says the stifling atmosphere of St. Louis rendered him almost voiceless, must be mistaken in attributing his condition to coal smoke.

"I understand," says Brown, "that the signor—I can't figure out his name—smokes a lot of strong cigars. Now, there's nothing worse for the voice than strong tobacco. I think it's the tobacco smoke that's troubling him."

"Why, when I was a bridge collector for the Terminal Railroad I used to go through the tunnel to Eads Bridge a dozen times a day. Sometimes, to connect with various trains, I had to make the trip on a light engine, exposed to the smoke all the way. Every time I came out, black with grime, my voice would be better than ever."

"It's a fact," the minstrel was a "humbug" of course, sometimes when the smoke was very thick I'd choke a little. Then I'd have to cough up the mucus, but after that my voice would be right as a fiddle. I could call out and be heard from St. Louis to East St. Louis."

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DECLARES ST. LOUIS SMOKE IS "AWFUL."

Tenor Ferdinand Avedano Says "It Makes Me Sing Like Smoke."

Signor Ferdinand Avedano, principal tenor of the Southwell Opera Company, on whose account that organization applied for a writ of mandamus to compel the City Smoke Inspector to enforce the "smoke ordinance" because the murky atmosphere of St. Louis got into his lungs and prevented his appearing in "La Gioconda" last Monday night, explained yesterday why he advised the company to take this action.

The signor's English is doubtful, and when he becomes very much interested it

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